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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 1258

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

REF: (A) TANANARIVE 1250 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 181500

1. JAPANESE CHARGE NAMURA CALLED ON ME TODAY TO SAY THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED SOME TENTATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO GDRM FOREIGN MINISTER AS AFTERMATH OF OAU SUMMIT BUT HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS VIS-A-VIS COLOMBO SUMMIT. WHEN I SPOKE WITH NAMURA OVER PAST TWO WEEKS, HE HAD HAD NO INFORMATION FROM TOKYO ABOUT DEMARCHE RE COLOMBO. NAMURA ADDED THAT SINCE HIS NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES AUGUST 8, GOJ MAY DECIDE THAT NO DEMARACHE SHOULD BE MADE IN ORDER NOT TO SPOIL AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL IN VIEW OF EXTREME JAPANESE INTEREST IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF TWO JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN IN PRISON HERE SINCE NOVEMBER 1975. (COMMENT: GOJ WAS QUITE DISTURBED OVER CASE OF THESE TWO JAPANESE AND AS RESULT HAD ORIGINALLY DECIDED NOT TO SEND AMBASSADOR HERE UNTIL CASE RESOLVED.)

2. GERMAN CHARGE VAN NORDENSKJOLD HAS JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE DEMARCHE ON FOREIGN MINISTER RE
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UNGA BUT NOT FOR COLOMBO SUMMIT.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROD GOJ TO HAVE JAPANESE
CHARGE MAKE DEMARCHE HERE RE COLOMBO, RECOGNIZING THAT
WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO DENT GDRM'S POSITION ON KOREA WHICH
APPARENTLY IS OF MORE INTEREST TO JAPANESE (ACCORDING TO
CHARGE) THAN PUERTO RICE. SHEINBAUM

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